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DEATH SUMMONS

J. T. AINSWORTH

WAS VERY PROMINENT
IN MASONIC CIRCLE

Suffered a Stroke of Paralysis
Years Ago From Which He
Never Recovered.

Death visited Medina village last Monday morning at 10 o'clock and claimed a well known and highly respected citizen, J. T. Ainsworth.

Mr. Ainsworth had been in a feeble condition for two years or more, ever since he suffered a stroke of paralysis, but until last Friday had been able to set up in a chair and take an active interest in life. Friday he suffered a sinking spell from which he never rallied.

Judah Troop Ainsworth was born in Milton, Vermont, Sept. 23, 1836, the son of Judah Troop Ainsworth and Arabelle Francis Prentiss.

In September, 1840 the family moved to Medina, traveling by train and boat to Buffalo, from which point the journey was made overland. Arriving here the father purchased an immense quantity of land and was one of the wealthiest men in this community.

Here Mr. Ainsworth obtained his grammar schooling and later attended Spencerian Business college in Cleveland, which education fitted him for an expert accountant.

At the age of manhood deceased returned to his birthplace at Milton and here met Louisa Seeger, who in January, 1860, became his bride. The couple immediately returned to Medina and began housekeeping.

In March, 1861, Mr. Ainsworth enlisted in Co. F, 6th Vermont Volunteer Infantry where he served until Feb., 1862, receiving a promotion to 2d Lieutenant, shortly before his resignation.

Leaving the army, he with his family moved to Cincinnati, where a position awaited him in the quartermaster's department of the army, which place he filled until the close of the war.

Returning to Medina Mr. Ainsworth in 1873 purchased the store at Lafayette, now owned by Wm. Chapman, and conducted this business for three or four years when he together with his family, returned to Cleveland and became accountant for a large business concern, later taking up the life insurance business in which he was very successful, until three years ago when failing health caused his retirement. In 1890 the family removed to Medina on account of Mrs. Ainsworth's health.

Deceased was prominent in Masonic circles, at the time of his death being a member of Cleveland city lodge, where his membership had been transferred during his residence in Cleveland. He had held the offices of high priest, secretary, master, and was three elected illustrious master of Cleveland council, No. 36. On Aug. 17, 1916, he was elected as the oldest Mason at the Medina County Masonic association and was presented with a cane.

Two children—Carrie R. and Wilford P.—together with the widow, two grandchildren and two brothers—Daniel of Morristown, Arizona, and Avery H. of St. Johns, Kas.—survive to mourn his departure. Another son, Willis died in infancy.

Funeral services were held from the home on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Rev. Caulk of St. Paul's church officiating. Masonic services were conducted at the grave and burial was made in Spring Grove cemetery.

ALICE CURTIS RICKERT

CALLED BY DEATH

Had Been a Patient Sufferer for a
Number of Years.

The death angel paid Medina county a visit on Friday, May 30, and claimed the spirit of Alice Curtis Rickert, who resided at the home of Clayton Nettleton, Mrs. Nettleton being a sister of deceased.

Alice Curtis was born in Sharon township, this county, on May 13, 1856, being 63 years and 17 days old at the time of her death. She was the daughter of Justus Curtis and Lucinda Tillapaugh.

On Oct. 2, 1886 she was united in marriage to Levi Rickert, and to this union one child, a daughter, Mabel, was born. The family remained together until 1912, when the daughter was called to the Great Beyond. Mr. Rickert died two years later.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Rickert had made her home with relatives, living for two years with her brother Asa Curtis and wife. On Feb. 25 of this year sickness developed in her brother's family and deceased took up her residence at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. C. Nettleton, where she passed away last Friday. Two other brothers survive—Will of Medina and Jesse of Windfall.

Mrs. Rickert was a conscientious Christian, a willing worker and always ready to assist those in need. She had been a patient sufferer for several years from the disease which finally caused her death.

Funeral services were held from the Curtis home on North Court street, Monday afternoon, June 2, Rev. Bryerton, pastor of the M. E. church, officiating. Burial was made at Wadsworth.

DELAY SMITH ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Refusal of the State Industrial commission to accept bonds in the sum of \$44,599.48 for Smith Road improvement will delay work on this road for a period of four or five weeks. The reason given by the commission for their refusal was lack of funds. They advised, however, that they would purchase them later, in July or August. The bonds will now be offered for sale if not sold will again be offered to the commission. Bonds for approximately \$93,000 for road improvement in Chatham and \$21,700 in Litchfield were also refused at the same time.

ALL READY TO COMMENCE WORK

Mellert-Weidner Co. Will Build Asphalt Road Through Brunswick.

Contractor Geo. Mellert of the Mellert-Weidner Co. received word from Columbus on Tuesday of this week that his company had been awarded the contract for improvement of the Cleveland-Woodstock road thru Brunswick township on his bid of \$129,208.95. The road will be asphalt, the bid on this material being about \$1500 less than for tar.

Mr. Mellert stated Wednesday that he was ready to begin work as soon as the necessary papers are signed, which will probably take a week.

Work of improving will start at the north end at the county line, connecting with the Cuyahoga county brick. During construction of this piece the road from Brunswick center north will be closed, necessitating a detour of 2 1/2 miles to Sherman's Corner's and 2 1/2 miles of dirt road north from there connecting with improved road in order to reach Cleveland.

After this north stretch has been finished it will be opened to traffic and work started at the south end of the south piece, which will be closed for the entire length.

The award for improvement of the mile stretch in Medina and Brunswick townships was given to the Highway Construction Co. of Elyria on their bid of \$14,786.99.

With the improvement of these two pieces of road and should north Court street be finished this summer Medina county residents will have an excellent outlet north.

ONE INJURED IN AUTO-MOTORCYCLE CRASH

Driver of Machine Attempts to Pass
Two-Wheeler on Wrong Side.

Paul Martin suffered a fracture of his left leg just above the ankle and James Lamson received severe bruises on Thursday morning when the motorcycle on which they were riding was struck broadside by an automobile driven by Carl Ryder of near Erhart. The accident occurred in front of the G. A. Bell creamery on West Liberty street.

Martin, who was employed at the creamery had taken a day off and invited Lamson to ride a short ways with him. The pair had been as far west as the Root Co., and were on their way back towards town. As they approached the creamery driveway Martin remembered something he had left in the plant and turned to the left to enter the drive. As the motorcycle was headed broadside into the drive the automobile driver attempted to pass on the left side and crashed full into the smaller vehicle, throwing it a distance of about ten feet. Lamson who was on the rear seat of the motorcycle was thrown clear, but Martin's foot was caught in the wreckage and he received a painful fracture just above the ankle. The auto suffered slight damages.

Several car drivers who arrived on the scene later declared that Ryder had passed them also, on the wrong side of the road.

A doctor was called and removed Martin to his office where an X-ray was taken of the injured limb.

TED ROBINSON COMPLIMENTARY

Ted Robinson, who conducts The Philosopher of Folly column in the Plain Dealer, wrote the following after a recent visit to Medina, where he addressed the Winyah club:

About once in a season we step out upon our travels and discover new lands. These places have all been discovered before, but not by us; we have no ambition to go where the foot of man has never trod, and are well content to follow paths beaten by others. What care we how old it be, if it be not old to we?

Yesterday we discovered Medina. Mr. Boyden took us through the honey factory that put Medina on the map, and Mr. Brainard introduced us to the Winyah Club, which is keeping it there. And we found that in Medina they not only raise bees, but dandelions. There are larger dandelions and more of them in Medina than in any other spot in the known world.

When Keats first read Chapman's Homer, he was not the first who had ever looked into that book. And yet he felt like some watcher in the skies when a new plane swims within his ken, and all that sort of thing. That's how it was with discovering Medina.

—The five-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gunkelman died at the family home on Monday and was buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Valley City on Tuesday, Rev. Kuehner officiating.

LAUNCH SALVATION ARMY DRIVE SATURDAY

DOLLARS FOR DOUGHNUTS
IS GIRL SCOUTS' APPEAL

County's Quota Is \$3,500. Sunday
Concert at Lake Will Help
Swell Fund.

Dollars for doughnuts, the kind of doughnuts given by Salvation Army lassies on the battlefields of France, will be the appeal of Medina campaign leaders to citizens next Saturday night.

This will be the opening event in the Salvation Army drive in this county for \$3500, which it is expected will be easily raised. The army is asking \$13,000,000 from the people of the United States to create new institutions and carry on its normal activities in these United States.

Edward O'Flaherty of Cleveland was in the county the past week, assisting in the work and the following committee was named: John Moore, county chairman; E. B. Spitzer, vice chairman; W. B. Baldwin, secretary; W. C. Smith, treasurer; Blake McDowell, Mrs. C. L. Griesinger, D. S. Longacre and A. L. Boyden members of the executive committee. The county chairman will appoint an assistant in each township.

Saturday evening members of the Girl Scouts will sell doughnuts on the streets of the village. "A dollar a doughnut" will be their slogan. The Medina band will give an open air concert. Booths will also be placed in the park. This work is in charge of Mrs. H. C. West and Mrs. Clark Reinhardt.

Chippewa Lake park has been thrown open to the cause for Sunday afternoon when a speaker from Cleveland will be present. Mrs. P. C. Bigelow, Miss Genevieve Brinnall and Louis Best will assist John Beck's orchestra of 10 pieces in giving a concert at 3 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Wiley, violinist of the Chippewa Lake orchestra will also render selections. All gate receipts will go to help swell the army fund.

Two other speakers will talk Sunday, one at Wadsworth and one at a place to be announced later. An attempt was made to have a speaker in the village of Medina for union services Sunday evening but the various Children's day exercises prevented. It is probable that one will be available next week.

The county quota as stated above, for the county is \$3500, and the township quotas are based upon population as follows: Brunswick \$135; Chatham \$125; Granger \$130; Seville and Guilford \$250; Lodi and Harrisville \$300; Hinckley \$130; Homer \$110; Lafayette \$170; Litchfield \$125; Liverpool \$165; Medina \$115; Montville \$90; Sharon \$170; Spencer \$145; Wadsworth \$195; Westfield \$150; York \$135; Medina village \$405; Wadsworth village \$455.

It is the intention of the leaders to make a whirlwind campaign and wind up the drive next week.

THEY'RE OFF, BOYS, NEXT WEDNESDAY

At Least Fourteen Good Horses Will
Open Matinee Season

The Medina Driving club will open the season with a matinee at the fair grounds next Wednesday afternoon, June 12.

Fourteen horses have been training for the past few weeks, most of them being quartered at the track under the care of Trainer Bye Wilson, and by Wednesday will be in shape to make good time, weather permitting.

Fred Laub of Akron heads the string with five likely ones, the McDowell brothers are carrying three on their string, Bill House has a lightning chaser while Wm. Roshon and Geo. Dunn of Akron will also make a try at being the first to go under the wire. Other starters are expected to be announced later.

The track was plowed this spring and is in excellent shape for fast miles.

All races are scheduled for three heats, winner best two out of three. Dr. W. D. Wise will be the official starter.

Events are scheduled to begin promptly at 2 o'clock.

VETERANS OF THREE WARS MARCH

Veterans of three wars of the nation marched in the Memorial day procession to the cemetery Friday afternoon. Aged veterans in their suits of blue; soldiers of the Spanish-American conflict, and khaki-clad soldiers just home from their overseas service in the great world war; all were in line of march together with the Sons of Veterans, the Boy Scouts and children of the public schools, and other organizations.

The day was extremely hot, which cut down the number of marchers to some extent. The program was carried out as given last week. The selections offered by the band were excellent and the addresses at the park were of a high order.

A smaller crowd than usual from outlying districts was present, one reason being that many farmers took advantage of the fine weather to catch up in their work of corn planting, etc.

The stores closed at noon and remained so for the remainder of the day.

LARGE CLASS WILL GRADUATE THIS WEEK

AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 19

Rev. R. K. Caulk Will Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon. Full Program Next Week.

The Medina high school commencement will be held at the Congregational church, Thursday evening, June 19th at 8 o'clock. Dr. F. E. Pearson state superintendent of public instruction, Columbus, Ohio will deliver the class address. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. R. K. Caulk, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church. It will be at the Congregational church Sunday evening, June 16th at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to this service and it will be appreciated if all churches would join in the union service on this date. Inasmuch as no January commencement was held this year diplomas will be granted to both members of the January class and the June graduating class. The following will receive diplomas from Medina high school at this year's commencement:

January Class
Anna Leah Burgin
Mildred I. Campbell
Teddy H. Ewing
Myron Robert Ferriman
Elmer K. Fulmer
Katharine Eloise Hemminger
Lucile I. Hunt
Louise Madara Jones
Beatrice Marian Longacre
Nondas R. McNeal
Sylvia Eunetta Sedgwick
Elizabeth Kihnn Spitzer
Earl A. Stoup
Otis T. Wheeler
Wanda Lone White
Wesley Mannville
By transfer of credits from S. A. T. C.
L. Max High
Walter Leach
Elmer Warren

June Class
Rose Regina Bailey
Mildred Bradley
Hilda M. Branch
Elena Jeanette Davis
Birdice Irene Bryenton
Laura Mildred Edwards
Clara Emma Haring
Doris Jane Hoard
Violet E. Huston
Alice Kingsbury
Izora Miller
Helen I. Mott
Violet Pelton
Margaret Bernice Randall
Elsie Viola Ringer
Doris Harriet Robinson
Katharine Harriet Shane
Zelah Stewart
Sylvia Stewart
Helene M. Starr
Frances VanEpp
Lois M. Vorhees
Fannie H. Welton
William L. Bartholomew
Seymour Ensign
Norris S. Hange
Arthur B. Huffman
Wallace Jones
Paul Jones
Commencement program in full will appear in next week's paper.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PARADE AT LODI

Lodi Entertains Wooster Commandery
With Six-Course Banquet.

Eighty Knights Templar were in line in the parade at Lodi last Thursday, when Ascension day services were held in the Congregational church with a fine sermon by Rev. Mr. Tippet, the Lodi pastor.

The Wooster Commandery and ladies were splendidly entertained by the Lodi members of the order. The spacious home of Albert Harris was thrown open to the ladies, who were met with automobiles. Mrs. Harris served lunch after the services and the parade, a bountiful six-course banquet was served in Masonic hall to the visitors.

The number seated at the table was 168. Following the banquet Prelate William Harris of Wooster expressed in the warmest terms the high appreciation of the Knights and ladies for the fine entertainment.

A quartet consisting of Mrs. Edw. M. Quinby, Dr. Whitmore, Fred Shibley and Mrs. D. W. Metzler, sang, and Mrs. Metzler and Mrs. Quinby also sang solos. The Wooster Board of Trade band played for the parade and during the banquet.

Following the services, the Commandery paraded on the principal streets, and made a fine appearance.

GLOW IN NORTH PUZZLES

Many people in Medina and surrounding country were puzzled Monday evening at a reddish glow in the north or northwest. Many inquired if something was on fire. No information was forthcoming from any source.

The light was first seen in the northwest shortly after 8. It was visible for an hour before it disappeared only to reappear later in the northwest with its color changed from pale blue to red. Farther north the light was greater.

The mysterious glow began to fade about 10 and in a few minutes it disappeared like the sun sinking below the horizon.

What it was or where it came from has not been definitely settled.

MORE GOOD WELLS DRILLED AT CHATHAM

There seems to be no limit to the number of good wells being drilled in and around Chatham. Dr. Hill recently shot a well just north of his residence, which produces both oil and gas. He will pipe the latter into his residence for fuel and light.

Karl Packard shot a good well on Monday of this week. L. R. Wideman also shot his third producing well on the same day.

The well on the lot adjoining the Congregational church was a success when shot on Monday. Both pastor and members of the congregation are highly elated over their success.

A. L. BOYDEN TALKS ON TRAVELS ABROAD

Regales Members of Winyah Club
With Conditions Abroad.

A. L. Boyden, who recently spent several months in Europe, a member of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce party, regaled members of the Winyah club with an account of his experiences and conditions he found while abroad.

Mr. Boyden left the United States on the Aquitania, which four months after the signing of the armistice, still carried her war paint and other camouflage marks.

The speaker told of his arrival and stay in London, where the usual red tape was necessary such as reporting to the prefect of the police on every little occasion. Leaving here Mr. Boyden crossed the channel and visited for a week or more in Paris. He told of the hotel service there, comparing it with that in England and America. Plenty of food was available in Paris, but at very fancy prices, a breakfast of toast, coffee and oranges, cost over a dollar. In London only the plainest foods were served showing the scarcity caused by the war had not yet been filled. A comparison of railroads and transportation methods was also very interesting for in London one may ride a long distance in the tubes for the small fare of one penny.

Leaving Paris Mr. Boyden traveled thru southern France which he described as the most beautiful country in the world. A visit was also paid to Monte Carlo and other famous points in this district. In this section soldiers on leave are numerous, the government allowing recreation furloughs.

From France the address told of conditions in Belgium, the speaker stressing the remarkable recuperative powers which the country has shown. It was here that the party were entertained by King Albert of Belgium and also attended a luncheon given in their honor by Gen. Pershing at which Field Marshal Haig and other notables were present.

The atrocities of the German soldiery was touched upon lightly but those present were of no uncertainty of mind regarding its existence. Mr. Boyden obtained a picture of a wall in front of which 166 civilians were placed one morning and their bodies riddled with bullets. Vandalism committed in factories, etc. was also touched upon. In describing the war area the speaker admitted his inability to visualize scenes as they existed.

Taking his audience with him Mr. Boyden touched lightly on his trip to Edinburgh, and other places in Scotland and his trip home.

In summing up mention was made of the methods of identification of the soldier dead now carried on abroad. Inquiry regarding the burial place of Dudley Berger, brought a complete history and all details regarding the interment and location. It took less than an hour to obtain this information. The soldier dead are now being placed in a few large cemeteries, an identification tag being placed with the body and also on the cross above.

At the conclusion of the talk Mr. Boyden exhibited several different kinds of money, his passport and other things of interest to the members of the club.

BIGHAM FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

Jury Returns Verdict of Not Guilty
Thursday Afternoon

Two hours after the Sentinel went to press last Thursday afternoon the jury which was considering the case of Walter O. Bigham of Attica, charged with the murder of his wife, returned a verdict of "not guilty."

The trial ended at 2:45 Wednesday afternoon and the case was given to the jury immediately. Twenty-four hours later, or about 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon the "not guilty" verdict was returned, which ended the third trial of Bigham who was charged with the murder of his wife on Aug. 22, 1917. Mrs. Bigham was formerly Mary Fulk of Spencer.

Bigham, who had retained perfect perfect composure during the trial, had nothing to say after his release, beyond a statement that he had formed no definite plans for the future.

—Clarence Rickard underwent an operation at Camp Sherman hospital Monday and surgeons discovered a piece of splintered bone had caused considerable trouble around the injured knee. The splinter was removed and it is expected Clarence's condition will show marked improvement.

ANOTHER SHOOTING AFFAIR AT WADSWORTH

BAD BLOOD STILL EXISTS BETWEEN BUTTOS AND CACCIOLA

Woman Jumps in Front of Husband, Causing Assault to
Shoot Wild.

Another shooting affray occurred at Wadsworth last Saturday evening about 7 o'clock, the participants of which are more or less well known in police circles, having been on trial here at various times for similar offenses. What precipitated the actual hostilities has not been learned, but real action began when Frank Butto pulled a gun and fired four shots at Dominic Cacciola, all of which missed their mark. Butto, it will be recalled, was once placed on trial for murder, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty, claiming self defense.

The party Saturday night consisted of Frank Butto, his brother Sam Butto, Dominic Cacciola and his wife. They had gathered together at the home of Sam Arrego, also prominent in police court circles, the Buttos being brothers to Arrego's wife.

Arrego and Sam Butto were sitting on the lawn when shots were fired. Rushing in the former narrowly escaped death or serious injury when a ball glanced from a door hinge and passed near his cheek. At the first shot Cacciola's wife jumped between him and Frank Butto who shot wild, as he stated at the hearing, in order to avoid hitting the woman who is his niece. The distance between the two men was so close that the woman's hands bore powder marks.

Officials were called and the party, with the exception of Arrego, was taken to the council chamber where they were held awaiting the arrival of the sheriff. The four were later brought to Medina and placed in the county jail.

Monday morning a hearing was held before Justice of Peace Ainsworth, where Butto maintained that Cacciola and his wife were part of a black hand gang, which had threatened his life. He was unable to support his contention, however, and was bound over to the grand jury on a charge of shooting with intent to kill, under \$1500 bond, which was not procured. The other three members of the party were released, which caused Butto much concern as he insisted he would not go to jail unless the whole party accompanied him.

Cacciola is the Italian who several years ago was shot and wounded four times by Sam Butto, who was also freed by a jury.

CENTENARY DRIVE ENDS JUNE 10TH

Wooster District Has Already Reached
\$14,000,000 Mark.

Twenty-five churches of the Wooster district have completed their goal in the Methodist centenary campaign for \$15,000,000 for Christian world reconstruction, according to announcement made Monday by Dr. F. L. Johnson, Cincinnati executive secretary. This area, which has the largest quota in Methodism, (fifteen million dollars) has subscribed thirteen and three-quarter millions of dollars for the centenary, and one million additional for other religious causes, leaving about three quarters of a million dollars yet to be secured. 706 of 1600 churches have reached their quotas. There is every indication that a large number of churches will reach their quotas before June 10th, to which date the intensive drive has been continued.

Over one hundred million of dollars have been subscribed of the general centenary quota of \$15,000,000. The church has now given one million for each of its one hundred years of missionary history, according to announcement of Dr. Johnson. "A heavy over-subscription of total centenary allotments is insured if churches which have gone 'over' so gloriously will combine forces to help other churches put through the centenary program until the last church in Methodism is reached. We owe this to the churches themselves, and also to the Kingdom of God throughout the earth," wires Dr. S. Earl Taylor, national executive secretary to Dr. Johnson.

The churches "over the top" in this district are starred as follows: "Apple Creek, "Brewster, Brunswick, Burbank, Burton City, "Chatham, Columbia Station, Conesville, "Congress, "Creston, "Dalton, "Dover, Doylestown, Fredericksburg, Fresno, "Funk, Lake Fork, "Granger, Hayesville, "Holmesville, "Homerville, "Jeromeville, "Keene, Kilbuck, "Lakeville, Newkirk, Leroy and Chippewa Lake, Lodi, "Loudonville, "Medina, "Millersburg, Mohawk Village, Mooreland, Nankin, Polk, "Nashville, "New Pittsburgh, North Royalton, Orrville, Perrysville, "Roscoe, Seville, "Sharon Center, Poe, Shreve, "Smithville and Oak Chapel, Spencer, Strongsville, "Trinway, Wadsworth, Warsaw, "West Bedford, "West Salem, Wilnot, "Wooster.

LODI AFTER GOOD BAND

Negotiations are in progress between Lodi business men and the Wooster band which may lead to regular hand concerts in Lodi every Wednesday evening.

It is stated that public spirited citizens and business men have raised a fund of \$1,800 to pay for free concerts.